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29 August 1974MEMORANDUM FOR:

IC/MFRRD/R&AB

SUBJECT : Community Futures Group

1. Thank you for sending me your memorandum of 26 August 1974 on this subject. I think my response should be limited because in a substantive sense it does not directly concern the information science and telecommunications activities that are within my area.

2. Consequently, I do not deal here with the balance of factors, pro and con, that relate to the merits of this proposal. Rather, I merely offer a number of questions that someone should ask and that I think you should be prepared to answer.

a. The paper is silent as to the resource implications in external contracting dollars and in on-staff manpower to make such a proposal viable. What are these implications? Are they doable in the light of the very constricted resources available?

b. The production of such substantive outputs as are indicated in your paper raises the question of who should be in charge of this effort. Is this a task for IC Staff, or alternatively would the IC Staff be seen as seeking to muscle into the business of the analysts and estimators? In other words, the paper does not wrestle with the alternatives and explain why the function would be performed better by IC Staff than by a long-range, high-level analytic group that has deeper roots in the analyst community.

c. Using the Kahn study done for DIA cited in your paper as an example, if this is worth doing on a continuing basis why not do it that way? What additional can IC Staff contribute to an organization like Kahn's?

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